

THE PARISHES OF ST AUSTIN & THE ENGLISH MARTYRS, WAKEFIELD AND ST IGNATIUS, OSSETT



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Mass Programme for the week 3 – 10 May 2026

DAY	FEAST	MASS	LOCATION	INTENTION
Saturday 2 May		5:30pm 6:15pm	St Ignatius St Austin	Michael Watkins RIP GSCE Exam
Sunday 3 May	5th Sunday of Easter	8:00am 9:30am 10:00am 11:00am 5:00pm 6:00pm	St Austin English Martyrs St Ignatius St Austin St Austin St Austin	Foundation Mass Canon Tom O'Connor RIP November Dead List Pro Populo Rosary & Benediction Priest's Intention
Monday 4 May	The English Martyrs	12 noon	St Austin	Dr John Gallagher RIP
Tuesday 5 May		9:30am 11:30pm	St Ignatius English Martyrs	November Dead List Eucharistic Service
Wednesday 6 May		10:30am 12:30pm	English Martyrs St Austin	Eucharistic Service Natalie Smart – 21 st Birthday
Thursday 7 May	St John of Beverley	12 noon	St Austin	Val Lewis RIP
Friday 8 May		10:30am 12 noon	St Ignatius St Austin	November Dead List John Francis – 1 st Anniversary
Saturday 9 May		9:30am 11:30am 5:30pm 6:15pm	St Austin St Austin St Ignatius St Austin	Joseph & Bridget Nunan Keralan Mass Pro Populo Ann Parish RIP
Sunday 10 May	6th Sunday of Easter	8:00am 9:30am 10:00am 11:00am 5:00pm 6:00pm	St Austin English Martyrs St Ignatius St Austin St Austin St Austin	Priest's Intention Peter Cichocki RIP Robert Williams Monica Akhrebhu – Thanksgiving Rosary & Benediction Priest's Intention

Please note any changes to the Mass schedule this week in bold above – especially that there is no Mass at St Austin's on Tuesday evening.

Prayer for Vocations: Our Lady of Unfailing Help! Pray that the Lord of the Harvest will send labourers into His harvest and that He will grant an abundance of vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life within the Diocese of Leeds, and throughout the world. Amen.

REGULAR DEVOTIONS

Confessions	St Austin St Ignatius English Martyrs	Saturday 10:00am to 11:00am & 5:15pm to 5:45pm Saturday 4:30pm to 5:30pm Before Sunday morning Mass.
Exposition	All churches English Martyrs	30 minutes before weekday Mass – Saturday morning during confessions. Thursday 7:30pm
Novena	St Austin	Monday 7pm on 11 th & 25 th May, 8 th & 22 nd June, 6 th & 20 th July
Rosary	English Martyrs St Austin's	Sunday 9am Friday 12:30pm
First Saturday Devotions	St Austin	First Saturday of the month following morning Mass.

PARISH GROUPS AND CONFRATERNITIES (meet weekly unless stated otherwise)

DAY	GROUP	CHURCH CENTRE	TIME	CONTACT
Monday	Union of Catholic Mothers	St Ignatius	7:30pm	Christine Woodhouse
Monday (fortnightly)	Society of St Vincent de Paul	St Ignatius	6:00pm	John Sheerin
Monday (fortnightly)	Natter Matters	English Martyrs	6:30pm	Mary Matthews
Wednesday	Keep fit	St Austin	2:00pm	Debbie
Wednesday	Prayer & Praise	English Martyrs	6:30pm	Mary Matthews
Thursday	Parents & toddlers	St Austin	9:30am	Michelle Watson
Thursday	Thursday club	St Austin	12:30pm	Josephine Dargan
Thursday	Singing for pleasure	St Austin	1:30pm	Eileen Worton

PARISH NOTICES

Rosary: The rosary will be prayed during exposition before all weekday Masses during the month of May. In addition the rosary will be prayed after Saturday morning Mass at St Austin's. There will be Rosary & Solemn Benediction each Sunday during May at St Austin's at 5pm.

May Procession: Immediately following the 10am Mass at St Ignatius next Sunday, 10th May. There will also be a shared lunch in the Parish Centre, to which everyone is invited. There is a sign-up list at the back of church so that Parishioners can put their names against items for the shared table. We also need 4 adult volunteers to carry the statue of Our Lady in procession, please add your name to the list at the back of church. Please bring a few flowers each to present to Our Lady as part of the procession, if there are a few people available to help guide the procession, please meet Fr Sean after 10:30am Mass on Friday.

Hospital Visits: It is important to let one of the Priests (or Marc in the office) know if a relative is admitted to hospital or the Hospice and would like a visit or to receive Holy Communion

Consultation on the future of the Dioceses of Leeds and Middlesbrough. As part of the consultation currently taking place across our two Dioceses, there is an opportunity for all clergy, religious and members of the lay faithful to contribute by completing an online questionnaire, either individually or as a parish group. Prayerful reflection should be given to the questions so that the Holy Spirit may guide this process of discernment. Prayer resources and a presentation are available on the diocesan website to support this process. Responses should be submitted no later than Friday, 22nd May 2026. For more information and to complete the questionnaire, please visit: <https://www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/leeds-middlesbrough-consultation-2026/>

First Holy Communion at St Ignatius: Information is available from school or any of the Priest's for children in year 4 and above who have already made their First Confession.

Piety Shops/Repositories are available at all churches, with the addition of a religious library at English Martyrs. There is a huge range of religious gifts, cards, candles and much more. Please do support them as they raise vital funds for the Parishes.

Catholic Family Holidays: Castlerigg Manor in Keswick (heart of the Lake District) is offering **budget-friendly** holidays for Catholic families during May, August, and early September. Breakfast and evening meal are included and there will be Mass on site. Guests have full use of the site including the grounds, games room, chapel, and lounges, and Castlerigg is just a short walk from Keswick and Lake Derwentwater. Ideal for individuals, couples, families, or groups of friends. Head to www.castleriggmanor.com or call 01768 772711.

Sale: The piety stall at St Ignatius is having a sale to prepare for new stock arrival. Please take a moment to stop and look at what is on offer. Cards for children making their First Holy Communion will be available in the next week or so.

WallFest 26: There will be a range of activities taking place during May 2026 to celebrate 200 years since the completion of Charles Waterton's wall around his estate in Walton. This includes a display and talk on the "Catholic Life of Charles Waterton" in St. Austin's parish centre on Thursday 21st May from 6:30pm. For further details see www.friendsofwatertonwall.com or pick up a leaflet from the narthex at St. Austin's church.

100/200 Club: To increase the annual donations to the Parish, the 200 Club at St Austin's & English Martyrs is increasing by £1 per number per month. This means that the annual cost for an entry is now £36 or can still be paid monthly at £3 per month. This is the first increase in over a decade. There will also now be a much large monthly prize in December, just in time for Christmas! Annual subscriptions are now due for the new year starting in April. More details from Sharon on sekatema@outlook.com. Payments can also be given to Niall O'Donnell at Saturday evening Mass, Peter Gallivan at 8am or Marc Auty at 11am on Sundays.

For the **St Ignatius 100 Club**, please contact Lynn Williams for more details, either at Mass or on ryecroft@house@gmail.com

Flamenco from Spain: St Austin's Theatre is delighted to host this event on Saturday 16th May starting at 7:30pm. Prize-winning artists include Rebeca Ortega, an elegant, accomplished and internationally acclaimed dancer based in Seville, Maestro composer and guitarist Ramon Ruiz from Granada who trained in Seville, and Carlos Lobo, renowned puro flamenco singer from Jerez de la Frontera now based in Seville. Don't miss out on this opportunity to immerse yourself in the rich cultural heritage of Andalusia, with traditional and modern flamenco artistry. This is a seated event, first come first served. Tickets on sale now at <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/18212570783>

St Ignatius School will be hosting a Pentecost picnic on Friday 22nd May to which all Parishioners are warmly invited.

Quiz Night: St Ignatius will be holding a Parish quiz night on Saturday 23rd May. More details to follow but please save the date as it promises to be a great evening.

Film Club meets again on Wednesday 6 May in St Austin's Parish Centre. Details of the film are displayed in posters in all our churches and by joining our WhatsApp group by texting Anne on 07963 740575. Doors open at 6.30 pm for a 7 pm start and tea/coffee and biscuits and chocolates are available. No admission charge – but donations welcome for St Austin's Refurbishment Fund. Everyone is very welcome! See you there.

Former Presbyteries: As previously advised, both properties at St Ignatius and English Martyrs have been leased to Catholic Care for conversion into small children's homes. Work continues at St Ignatius and disruption to both Parish and school life has been minimal. Work is expected to start at English Martyrs next month and last through to the Summer. We will again monitor works in progress to ensure minimal disruption to both the Church and school.

St Austin's Players: Are you passionate about theatre, or simply curious to explore something new? If so, we'd love to invite you to join us for a relaxed get-together with fellow theatre enthusiasts! Picture this: a warm cup of tea or coffee in hand, surrounded by friendly faces, as we dive into the world of play readings and lively conversation. Tuesday 19th May at 7.30 in the parish centre and weekly thereafter alternating between Tuesdays and Thursdays. We really hope you'll come along and give it a try. If you have any questions or want more details, please feel free to reach out. Email : secretary@staustinsplayers.co.uk. Looking forward to seeing you there for some fun, laughter, and creativity!

Job Opportunity: Do you have a passion to work with the marginalised? The ones many in society choose to ignore or demonise? Do you long to see broken lives transformed through faith? Are you a hope bringer? If you can answer yes to these questions, then consider joining the multi-faith chaplaincy team as Roman Catholic Chaplain at HMP & YO1 New Hall, a female closed prison situated between Wakefield and Huddersfield. For a full job description and how to apply please visit <https://jobs.justice.gov.uk/careers/JobDetail/16659-Roman-Catholic-Prison-Chaplain-18-5-hrs/16659>

Misssio – From Fr Emmanuel Mbeh: Thank you all for welcoming me and listening to me and signing up to pray, donate or support the work of Misssio and the Mill Mill Missionaries the way you can. I appreciate your patience and kindness. If anyone wants more mission rosaries or a Redbox I can post them to the parish office or you email our Misssio office. I hope to be back to appeal at the Masses I missed at both St Austin and St Ignatius shortly. God bless each of us in our missionary endeavours to share the love of Christ to the needy who need to hear the Gospel.

Offertory Envelopes are still available from all churches. If anyone would like to join the scheme, please contact Niall O'Donnell (niallodonn@aol.com) at St Austin's and Michael Gara (07710 025955) at St Ignatius.

Bulletins: Items for the Bulletin can be emailed to the addresses below, before lunch time on a Thursday. Thank you.
office.staustin@dioceseofleeds.org.uk or office.stignatius@dioceseofleeds.org.uk.

Advance Notice: There will be a Funeral Mass for **Rita Croxall RIP** on Wednesday 13th May at 12 noon.

Offerings & Donations: Parishioners can also donate direct to the Parish by bank transfer using:

St Austin & The English Martyrs Sort Code 40-27-15 account number 51018566 account name Diocese of Leeds St Austins Wakefield.

St Ignatius Sort Code 40-27-15 account number 31018116 account name Diocese of Leeds St Ignatius Ossett

As a reference, please use "Offering" or "Restoration".

Where possible we also encourage Parishioners to use envelopes or standing orders to help us maximise offerings as we can, in many cases, claim Gift Aid tax relief at no additional expense to the donor. For information about **Gift Aid** please contact Niall O'Donnell at St Austin's or Michael Gara at St Ignatius for assistance. Alternatively, please email Marc our Parish Administrator for guidance.

In addition, there is a DONA machine at St Austin's to enable Parishioners to donate by card in this cashless society. At St Ignatius there is a QR code on the wall next to the Piety Shop which will allow direct card donations.

Collections this week:

	Gift Aid Envelopes	Loose	Standing Orders	Total
St Austin & The English Martyrs	£537.21	£704.13	£1199.26	£2440.60
St Ignatius	£177.75	£310.18	£368.81	£856.74

2nd collection this week for the Priest's Training Fund

Thank you for your continued generosity

Please remember the sick of our Parishes in your prayers, along with the recently deceased, especially Rita Croxall and Brian Ferguson.

Please ensure mobile phones are switched off and, as far as possible, observe a period of silence in church. This is a precious time for people to pray and prepare spiritually for Holy Mass.

PARISH CENTRE BOOKINGS

St Austin & The English Martyrs – contact Marc on office.staustin@dioceseofleeds.org.uk or 07714 944587 or

Paul Blackburn on paulblackburn@talktalk.net or 07963 740556

St Ignatius – contact Janet Shaw on twins4483@sky.com or 07596 359449

SAFEGUARDING

The Diocese of Leeds is committed to safeguarding as an integral part of the life and ministry of the Church. We affirm the One Church approach to safeguarding children, young people and adults, through the promotion of a sustained and sustainable culture of constant vigilance. More information at <https://www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/safeguarding/>

Our Parish Safeguarding representatives are:

St Austin & The English Martyrs - Mrs Barbara Johnson, email psr.bjohnson@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

St Austin & The English Martyrs - Mrs Eileen Worton, email psr.eworton@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

St Ignatius - Mr Rob Barraclough, email psr.rbarracough@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

5th Sunday of Easter (A)

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 97: 1-2

O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

Collect

Almighty ever-living God, constantly accomplish the Paschal Mystery within us, that those you were pleased to make new in Holy Baptism may, under your protective care, bear much fruit and come to the joys of life eternal. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

First Reading

Acts 6:1-7

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

In those days when the disciples were increasing in number, a complaint by the Hellenists arose against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution. And the Twelve summoned the full number of the disciples and said, 'It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. Therefore, brothers and sisters, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we will appoint to this duty. But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word.' And what they said pleased the whole gathering, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch. These they set before the Apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands on them. And the word of God continued to increase, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith.

The Word of The Lord

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 33(32):1-2. 4-5. 18-19. R22

[R] May your merciful love be upon us, as we hope in you, O Lord.

Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just;
for praise is fitting from the upright.
Give thanks to the Lord upon the harp;
with a ten-stringed lute sing him songs. **[R]**

The word of the Lord is upright,
and all his works to be trusted.
The Lord loves justice and right,
and his merciful love fills the earth. **[R]**

Yes, the Lord's eyes are on those who fear him,
who hope in his merciful love,
to rescue their soul from death,
to keep them alive in famine. **[R]**

Second reading

1 Peter 2:4-9

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

Beloved: Come to the Lord, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious. You yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in Scripture: 'Behold, I am laying in Sion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.' So the honour is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe, 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone', and 'A stone of stumbling, and a rock of offence.' They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light.

The Word of The Lord

Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

John 14:6

Alleluia, alleluia. I am the way, and the truth, and the life, says the Lord. No one comes to the Father except through me. Alleluia.

Gospel

John 14:1-12

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, 'Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. And you know the way to where I am going.' Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?' Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.'

Philip said to him, 'Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us.' Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves.'

'Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Prayer over the Offerings

O God, who by the wonderful exchange effected in this sacrifice have made us partakers of the one supreme Godhead, grant, we pray, that, as we have come to know your truth, we may make it ours by a worthy way of life. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord.

Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.

Prayer after Communion

Graciously be present to your people, we pray, O Lord, and lead those you have imbued with heavenly mysteries to pass from former ways to newness of life. Through Christ our Lord.